C. Department of Women and Child Development

7. Swawlamban (NORAD);

8. Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP).

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Norms for prescribing text books

†215. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for prescribing the text-books for secondary/higher secondary classes;

(b) whether it is a fact that every new State/Central Government makes changes in the text books as it comes to power;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as a result thereof the students have to face many difficulties; and

(d) if so, what measures Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) produces model text books based on the National Curriculum Framework. State Boards of School Education are free to adopt/adapt their text books for prescription/recommendation in schools attached to them. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) prescribes text books of NCERT for secondary classes in most of the subjects. At the senior school level (+2 stage) the Board recommends text books of private publishers also. CBSE, on the recommendations of the Committee of Courses of the Board, prescribes books of regional languages prepared by respective State Governments.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

FDI guidelines for newspapers

216. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the authorities are implementing the guidelines on Foreign Direct Investment with regard to the publication of newspapers;

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